

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated August 10, 2007 in which all pending claims, 1–43 have been allowed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner’s objections to the drawings in view of the following remarks.

Claim Status

Examiner allowed claims 1–43. Claims 1–43 remain pending in this application.

Objections Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a)

Examiner determined that the drawings do not reflect a limitation of claim 43, the limitation being: “after receiving said order response from the selected market, submitting any still-unfilled portion of the order as an order with said greater-than-zero time-in-force to a second default market different from the selected market.” Applicants respectfully respond that the limitation is reflected in Fig. 6. Specifically, the processor 602 is programmed to send 618 the order 106 to at least one selected market 116, where the order 106 is partially filled 620. The processor is further programmed to store 638 in memory 604 responses 606 to the order, and book 622 the order in a second default market 122. Booking 622 orders 106 into a second default market includes the order time-in-force (“TIF”) 212 set to a value other than zero. The specification confirms that Fig. 6 reflects the above description, p.17 ¶.16–p.18 ¶.14.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed, or that limitations from the specification can be imported into the claims. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in attachments accompanying this document. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this document, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769/2578-01500/HTDC.

Respectfully submitted,

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